

Grass Lawn Neighborhood

Future Local Resource Park Site 80th Street and Redmond Way

Issue:	<p>The City Parks Department is in the process of designing a public park at the corner of Redmond Way and 80th Street next to the stormwater facility commonly know as “Scott’s Pond.” Park designers are currently considering various concepts for park amenities. What amenities would the Grass Lawn Citizens Advisory Committee prefer to see developed in the park?</p>
Background/ Description:	<p>Background</p> <p><u>Future Local Resource Park Site:</u> When most of the Grass Lawn neighborhood was built, the City had very different stormwater management practices that they do today. For example, city regulations today require stormwater run-off created by new construction be retained on-site. In other words, additional stormwater run-off created by new impervious surfaces such as roofs and paved areas is not allowed to overflow into the nearest culvert or pond.</p> <p>Within the past five years the City designed a plan to provide some erosion control protection to the west branch of Peters Creek in the drainage basin that is coincident with Redmond Way, 140th Ave NE, approximately NE 74th Street including Rose Hill Junior High to about 130th Street in Kirkland. The plan includes three storm detention ponds: Scott’s Pond on 80th Street and Redmond Way, Welcome Park Pond located kitty-corner from Scott’s pond on the north side of Redmond Way; and a pond to be constructed in the next 2 years located north and east of the junior high. A possible location for the pond is in the Puget Sound Energy easement north of NE 74th. When all three ponds are functioning there will be controlled release of stormwater and some water quality benefit for an area of Redmond and Kirkland that was constructed without any storm water management systems.</p> <p>Scott’s Pond is located adjacent to city owned property slated for a future local resource park. An alternate vacant site on 77th Street was also explored for a future special use area with recreation opportunities 77th Street. However, the site was not chosen primarily due to its smaller size, linear shape, and isolation from major access points and from other neighborhood residences.</p> <p><u>Parks, Recreation and Open Space Needs in Grass Lawn:</u> Existing land uses in Grass Lawn neighborhood are primarily residences with a small amount of general commercial and neighborhood commercial. A total of 85% of the land in the neighborhood is developed as residences, three quarters of that figure being single-family. The remaining land is almost evenly divided among utilities, public institutions, parks/open spaces, and miscellaneous land uses. Roughly 4% (31 acres) of the land area in the neighborhood is dedicated</p>

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Requested Action:	<p>The Parks Department would like input from the CAC on the type of amenities desired for the planned park at 80th Street and Redmond Way.</p>